

BMA criticizes Labour Party proposals on family doctor services

The British Medical Association has criticized Labour Party proposals that give health authorities greater powers over family doctors.

The party's Charter for the Family Health Service, published yesterday, is designed to give patients better access to good health care.

It suggests that health authorities should have the power to appoint salaried family doctors and to provide "top quality" deputizing services.

It also repeats the party's pledge to abolish prescription charges which now bring in £160 million.

The charter says that a salaried GP service in inner cities and other health-deprived areas, which it would introduce on a pilot basis, would assist recruitment and planning a higher standard of service.

When suitable doctors were not forthcoming it would be up to the health authority to provide a service. "Existing individual GPs or practices

that wish to become salaried will be encouraged to do so", the document says.

The party proposes that health authorities should be responsible for providing deputizing services because the present services were "haphazard and unsatisfactory".

In addition, it recommends that family practitioner committees responsible for overseeing primary health care, which were made independent of health authorities in April 1984, should be returned to those authorities.

The British Medical Association accused the party yesterday of failing to understand how primary health care services were provided and the need for continuity. It condemned the proposal to re-integrate family practitioner committees into health authorities as a retrograde step.

"Health authorities have more than enough to do providing their patient services against a background of

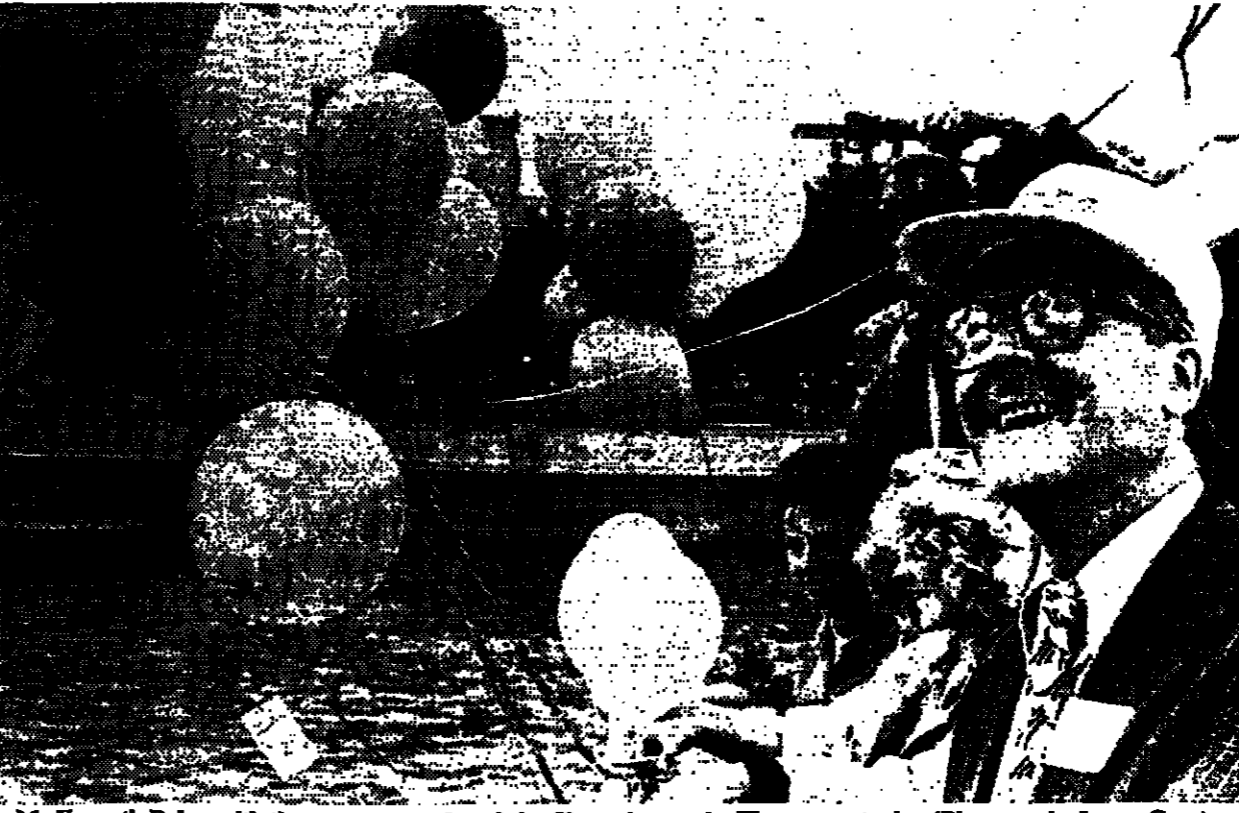
diminishing resources. There are inevitable areas of conflict over priorities and the family health service could lose", the BMA said.

Doctors would not accept an extension of the salaried doctors service, which already operated in certain areas covering the homeless and the rootless in inner cities, it said.

An independent contractor service ensured that patients were treated free from state interference and that the GP was not " beholden to any political or administrative aims, or arms, of government".

The Royal College of Nursing welcomed the main thrust of the charter, which emphasizes the need for more health promotion and illness prevention programmes.

But it claimed that common complaints by patients, cited in the document, such as difficulties of talking to their doctor about their problems, would be overcome by the introduction of the nurse practitioner.



Mr Kenneth Baker with the teenagers on board the Cheveing on the Thames yesterday (Photograph: James Gray).

Tide turning for teenagers' careers

Fifty-seven teenagers, who completed a pioneer course in vocational training at schools throughout England last year, yesterday received their Certificates of Pre-Vocational Education from the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr Kenneth Baker.

The teenagers represent a total of 18,000 students, aged 15 to 16, who took part in the scheme at nearly 1,000 schools and colleges.

As Mr Baker presented the awards on board the River Thames launch, the Che-

veing, in London, many students explained how the training scheme had "turned the tide of their careers".

Lyns Gallagher, aged 17, from Arley, Coventry, who joins the Royal Air Force in three weeks, said she found renewed independence and self-confidence through taking the course at the North Warwickshire College of Technology and Art.

"I really wanted to become a policewoman, but I couldn't because of my short height and eyesight", she said.

But work experience at a car assembly plant and an export firm had taught her how to mix with people.

Miss Ursula Russell, head teacher at the Hayesfield Comprehensive School in Bath, Avon, said the course had made a world of difference to the career chances of Stuart Tate, aged 17, a former student from Culverhay School, which ran the course jointly with Hayesfield.

"He was the ideal CPVE student who hadn't done well academically but had plenty of

potential for a career in management."

He said: "The course gave me the confidence I needed and now I have got a full-time job in the sports retail trade in Bath."

Mr Baker said that 45,000 students in England would take part in the second course during 1986-87.

He praised the Joint Board for Pre-Vocational Education, which developed the scheme, and parents, employers and teachers for encouraging the students.

Moves to revise penalty guide

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

The traffic committee of the Magistrates' Association is to consider revising guidelines on the sort of punishment drivers should receive, bearing in mind the new fixed penalties for road traffic offences.

"Most of the penalties are less than the Magistrates' Association guidelines for courts", Dr Douglas Acres, its chairman, said yesterday.

"It seems unjust that you should increase the penalty because someone has exercised the right to come to court."

But it was a matter of law that the penalty should be reduced for a plea of guilty because it saved courts' time, expense of the solicitors, and in certain cases saved witnesses, who had suffered, from coming to give evidence.

The Home Office says that the average fine imposed for all motoring offences was £40 in 1984. The fixed penalties drivers face are of £12 and £24.

If tickets for offences are ignored, the penalty will be increased by 50 per cent. The sum outstanding will be "registered" in the driver's local court, which means it will be treated like a fine.

Dr Acres said the scheme must save courts' time, but it would apply only where there had been a single offence. In many instances there was more than one offence charged and they would still go to court.

Half a million cases will be taken out of court, it is estimated, by the new fixed-penalty scheme and the fast spreading Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme.

Under the scheme, a police officer seeing a defect on a vehicle issues the driver with a ticket to get it repaired within 14 days. He can have the vehicle repaired anywhere, but he must get his ticket stamped by a garage empowered to do an MOT test.

Open case links 1,000 claimants

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Two hundred solicitors met in London yesterday to put the finishing touches to the country's first "class" legal action to be brought by patients alleging severe side effects from Opren, the arthritis drug.

It is estimated that more than 1,000 claimants will be joining the action, called the Opren scheme.

They are jointly suing Eli Lilly, the American drug manufacturer, the Committee on the Safety of Medicines and the Department of Health and Social Security. All three deny liability.

"Class" actions are common in the United States but have not been tried before in this country.

About 500,000 prescriptions were issued for Opren in Britain before its withdrawal in 1982. Among the alleged side effects are disabling sensitivity to light; links with kidney and liver damage; a condition resembling diabetes and cancer.

The solicitors argue

Hospice for Aids approved

By Tim Jones

The decision to establish Britain's first hospice for sufferers from Aids was approved by members of Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council's planning committee in spite of determined opposition from local residents.

Before taking the decision, on Tuesday night, to establish the 26-bed unit, to be housed in a converted school in Notting Hill Gate, west London, members of the planning committee were aware that more than 800 people had written letters or signed petitions objecting to the scheme.

But the members decided by eight votes, with one abstention, to grant planning permission for the hospice, to be known as London Light House. It will be used as a model for similar projects in Britain.

As part of its consultations the council sent 138 letters to occupants near by and received 63 letters of support, including 18 from local medical and professional practitioners. A petition signed by 24 people supported the establishment of the centre.

But the council also received 41 letters of objection, signed by people living or working in the area.

Mr E. A. Sanders, the council's Director of Planning and Transportation, in a report to the committee, outlined another main point raised by the objectors:

"There is already a substantial number of special care hostels and institutions in the area, dealing with homelessness, drug addiction, the elderly and the mentally handicapped and further such uses would put normal community life at risk."

Package holidays

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor, and Michael Horsnell

Legislation is to be used by the Government to enforce freer price competition on foreign package holidays.

The move was announced yesterday by Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, after discussions with Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, has decided to legislate under the Fair Trading Act.

Although the commission maintained in its report that significant benefits should emerge for holidaymakers from freer competition on inducements, ABTA, which yesterday claimed it would make "little or no difference" in the market place.

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The fierce competition in the package holiday industry will be sharpened further for travel agents, who will have to bear the costs of the proposed discounts, cutting into the 10 per cent which they normally receive for each holiday sold.

The margins of the package business are wafer thin. A 14-night holiday at the five-star Reid's Hotel on the island of Madeira, beginning on November 1, will cost £766 per head for holidaymakers booking with Select Holidays.

The cost components are: agent's commission £76.60p (10 per cent); tour operator's margin £38.30p (5 per cent); hotel £497.90p (65 per cent); travel (flight and ground transfer) £153.20 (20 per cent).

While the agent's commission on any holiday is almost always steady at 10 per cent, a tour operator receives anything from nothing to 10 per cent maximum, and averages out at about 5 per cent. The so-called zero profit may result from the use of a particular holiday as a loss leader or as a promotion.

Law to force freer price competition

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor, and Michael Horsnell

negotiated to the code of conduct of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA), which has 6,000 members.

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High scorers

The number of polytechnic students gaining first class degrees rose by 20 per cent to a record level this year. Figures released yesterday showed that 1,395 graduates, or 4.6 per cent, gained firsts, compared with 3.9 per cent last year.

Brunel degrees

Degrees awarded by Brunel University will be published tomorrow.

BBC given warning on tobacco advertising

The BBC is falling in its attempts to reduce tobacco advertising in main sporting events, the Health Education Council says.

The council has warned Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC Television, that, unless further steps are taken, tobacco-sponsored sport would have to be phased out.

A report published yesterday by the council and the North Western Regional Health Authority claims that, despite controls announced by the BBC this spring, it continues to allow extensive cigarette advertising at peak times, encouraging young people to "carry on smoking".

The report's authors have written to Mr Cotton asking him to ensure that tobacco advertising boards are out of camera range and that the use of designing stage sets should be restricted. They also call for more visible health warnings.

Monitoring Tobacco-Sponsored Snooker on BBC TV 1985-86 (North Western Regional Health Authority and the Health Education Council).

13-year hunt for mother

The police yesterday intensified a hunt for a mother missing for more than 13 years.

They made a public appeal for information about the disappearance of Mrs Joan Main.

Mrs Main, who would now be aged 38, has not been seen since January 1973 when she disappeared from the house in Blunsdon Road, Haydon Wick, Swindon, Wiltshire, without taking any personal possessions.

Under the terms of her divorce from Mr Main in 1972 Mr Main was to purchase a house for her and their children. Mrs Main moved into it in January 1973.

She disappeared soon afterwards while the children were at school.

Det. Chief Inspector Rodney Legg said yesterday that, although correspondence from her had allegedly been received by the family, he did not believe it was genuine.

He said: "We consider that the circumstances of her disappearance are highly suspicious."

The family's fears at the time had been reduced by a letter and a birthday card believed to have been sent by her in April 1973 postmarked Newport, Gwent, Mr Legg said.

Mr David Main, her former husband, faces charges relating to the £10,000 sale in 1975 of a house they jointly owned.

'Devil' son stabbed by woman

A young mother's involvement with a born-again Christian group made her believe her son aged four was the devil and that she had to kill him, a court was told yesterday.

Mrs Lyn Loughrey, aged 29, plunged a pair of scissors into her son's back as he lay in bed and then tried to kill herself, Gloucester Crown Court was told.

She thought that her older son was Satan and that his younger brother was Jesus Christ reborn, the prosecution said.

Fortunately, the child escaped without serious injury from the attack and spent only two days in hospital, Mr Jon Dixon, for the prosecution, said.

Loughrey, of Priory Road, Gloucester, admitted unlawfully wounding the boy on November 27 last year and she was put on probation for three years.

Judge Gabriel Hutton ordered her to receive psychiatric treatment and told her: "I would suggest that born-again Christians are not good for you and you might think it desirable to keep out of their way."

Chocolate bars dosed with drug

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

The sale of children's chocolate bars impregnated with a strong dose of cannabis was being investigated yesterday by detectives who believe a drug-dealing group is behind the incident.

No evidence has emerged that the bars have been sold to children but police officers in Bristol, where the group has been operating, said the drug had been put into bars that would be aimed at those of school age.

The cannabis was added to 20 gram Cadbury's Dairy Milk bars which normally sell at 12p. Those with the drug added have been offered for £2.

Police officers who raided a house in the Kingsdown area of Bristol after a six-week operation found one of the bars, cannabis and equipment.

Det. Chief Inspector Worrall said the bars contained about 10 per cent cannabis. He added: "We would stress that chocolate on sale in shops is perfectly safe."

A man aged 36 appeared in court yesterday charged with possession and intent to supply cannabis. He was remanded in custody until September 17.



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Fishing lake tests planning waters

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

An odd test of the Government's robust new planning policies was played out yesterday in a village. Many of the latest controversies about landscape planning were paraded in the same small inquiry.

Its key issue, whether a recently dug fishing lake is a Little Tew, Oxfordshire, is a fish farm or an anglers' playground, will have to be decided by ministers.

The definition is important: if the lake, which covers an acre, is used to make money from fishermen it needs planning permission. If it is a fish farm it is covered by agricultural immunity from planning laws.

The lake is also part of a farming business that is creating jobs. The thrust of the Government's new planning policies is that local planners should not obstruct worthwhile job-creating projects.

Little Tew is a small stone village which lies in rolling country just outside the Cotswolds. Many villagers are sceptical of the value to their community of the lake, whatever it is for.

Mr John Odell, its creator and owner, who has set up a mixed farming business and riding school in the village, said that the Ministry of Agriculture had congratulated him for finding an alternative use for a piece of farmland.

Much argument at the hearing in Chipping Norton has centred on whether Mr Odell, a development manager with Cadbury Schweppes, had called his fishing lake a farm in order to foil attempts to use the planning laws against him. He was appealing against a council notice forcing him to reverse his plans for the lake.

He said it must be a farm because he had often sold fish from it to a restaurant in Great Tew near by.

The inquiry was adjourned.

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Hailsham in call for 'cards on table' disclosures by lawyers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Longer and more frequent sittings by judges and "cards on the table" disclosures by lawyers in criminal cases were among several reforms to speed trials called for by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, yesterday.

But he said that he saw "no prospect in the immediate future" of a fall in the rate of increase of business in the civil and criminal courts.

One reason was the legal profession with its "too many sacred cows", which Lord Hailsham attacked as one of the "obstacles to rational reform" of court procedures.

In civil and criminal cases, lawyers "waste a great deal of time and money by playing their cards too close to their chests", Lord Hailsham told the Commonwealth law conference in Jamaica.

Another problem was the "depressing trend" of an increase in the volume of business in civil, criminal and matrimonial cases, he said.

The Lord Chancellor urged several reforms to speed trials. In the civil courts the rise in the number of cases "seems remorseless" and between 1979 and 1985 the workload rose by 65 per cent. Last year the rise was more than 11 per cent.

In spite of making the speedy disposal of business in

the civil and criminal courts one of his highest priorities, he had been "conspicuously less successful" in his present term of office than in his first from 1970 to 1974, when he had had a "considerable measure of success".

Speeding up trials consisted partly of the "backbreaking and extremely expensive" business of finding new sites for courts and building them, he said. There was also the "difficult task" of appointing judges of suitable quality to sit in them.

"The salary of a judge, even with the security of a pension, is not comparable with the highest earnings of the Bar, and no self-respecting Lord Chancellor will be content with second-rate judicial appointments."

The task would be much easier in a few years' time when the greatly increased numbers in the profession reached maturity.

The Lord Chancellor urged several reforms to speed trials. In the civil and criminal courts there was room for greater initiative and control by judges over the time taken for cases to proceed.

Second, lawyers' heads "needed to be knocked together" in pre-trial procedures where the real issues at

stake were identified, even if that meant both sides disclosing their evidence before the hearing.

He added that, for criminal cases, he supported the proposal made by Lord Roskill in his recent report on fraud trials, that the defence should not be allowed to withhold "reasonable admissions".

More could also be done to reduce argument and evidence to a document.

The profession had "too many sacred cows". Many of the legal system's established rules, practices and structures dated from a century or more ago and were not necessarily suited to deal with possible threats to civil liberty today.

The aim of court procedure must be to encourage civil claims to be settled, unjustifiable prosecutions to be aborted and indefensible crimes to end in a plea.

"In criminal cases it should clearly be understood that pleas of guilty should usually carry a discounted sentence, and in civil cases, settlements in the interests of both parties should likewise be an object of public policy."

In family cases, conciliation and agreed orders should be encouraged "both from public policy and humanitarian reasons", he said.

Pet shop man fined £200 over rare newts

A pet shop owner was fined £200 yesterday for illegally possessing and offering for sale Great Crested Newts.

Magistrates in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, were told that the "rather attractively coloured creatures" are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

Mr Paul Waterworth, for the prosecution, said that last April James Taggart, aged 66, who runs the Chandos Aquarium and Water Garden Centre in the town's High Street, had the newts on sale for 85p each.

After a warning from an RSPCA inspector he put up a notice saying that they were not for sale and said he would apply for a licence to keep them.

But he did not do so and when Mr Ian Sylvester, a zoologist from the Nature Conservancy Council, visited the shop later in the month he saw 15 Great Crested Newts on display.

When he returned with the police later that day there were only nine newts left, although Taggart denied selling the others, saying that they must have escaped.

Great Crested Newts are protected because their numbers have declined since the Second World War.

The newts from Taggart's shop have been returned to a pond on the outskirts of Leamington.



Miss Karen Saunders and Mr John Thorne entering the spirit of the game when they donned Edwardian costume for a Hurlingham Club croquet tournament in aid of the NSPCC (Photograph: Hugh Routledge).

More food mountains predicted by Lords

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Higher mountains of unwanted food within the EEC are predicted by a House of Lords committee report published today.

The committee, chaired by Lord Gallacher, gives a warning that plans to reform the common agricultural policy and cut surpluses are badly flawed and contradictory.

It picked out for particular criticism the EEC scheme to encourage farmers aged over 55 to retire.

"Far from reducing surplus production, the implementation of a pre-pension scheme could add to the surpluses because new entrants with heavy borrowing commitments are likely to farm as intensively as possible", it said.

It was unlikely to entice more of Britain's 100,000 eligible farmers to give up. Those taking advantage of the scheme would probably be those who had decided to retire.

The committee came out firmly against the idea of leaving farm land to go to scrub. Conservation should be through farming and not instead of it, it said.

"The Commission has tried to achieve too much with the limited money available", it concluded. "In its anxiety to investigate reform the Commission is tending to confuse its objectives and to diffuse its limited funds."

The Lords said that witnesses piled "metaphor upon metaphor" in arguing that the proposals tried to deal with surpluses, agricultural support and improved efficiency, the quality of food and the environment, all at the same time.

The committee added: "We believe that it would be easier to achieve some results if the Commission were to make up its mind what the primary bird is, instead of trying to kill three birds with one stone."

House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities 20th Report: Socio-Structural Policy in Agriculture (Stationery Office: £10.80).

Video chief to be head of Open College

Mr Michael Green, aged 38, head of Carlton Communications, Europe's biggest television and video services company, was named yesterday as chairman of the new Open College of the Air.

Announcing the appointment at a press conference in London, Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment, said he was sure that "his impressive business skills, deep knowledge of the rapidly developing world of broadcasting technology and enthusiasm for the potential of open learning" would ensure the success of the Government's new venture in helping workers to improve their skills through the media.

Mr Green, who is not an educationist by training, conceded that he was a surprise choice for the job.

"I hope it will help me to take an objective view", he said. "There is a real need for the Open College."

"The number of people who get involved in any kind of education and training after school is far too small."

The Open College, which will be run along the lines of the Open University, but with a much smaller staff, aims to attract a million students during its first five years. It will provide vocational courses below degree level, using television, particularly Channel 4.

Several big companies have been approached about funding and sponsorship and, according to Lord Young, had shown a "tremendous interest" in the project.

Riot arson case man faces a retrial

A jury was unable yesterday to reach a decision in the trial of the alleged Handsworth riot petrol bomber, James Hazell, and he faces a retrial.

The jury at Birmingham Crown Court had spent eight hours considering its verdict and a night in an hotel.

Mr Hazell, aged 30, of Winslow Green, Birmingham, who has denied arson, was said to have been identified as the petrol bomber by pictures on the front page of a national newspaper.

A second defendant, Aaron Paigrave, aged 21, of Handsworth, Birmingham, was convicted by a unanimous verdict on the three charges he faced of arson, possessing an explosive and causing an explosion.

Paigrave was shown in press photographs handing a petrol bomb to another man who threw it at a building, causing £20,000 worth of damage. He was jailed for five years.

International beer test

More than 3,000 invitations are being sent to breweries throughout the world for a beer competition to be staged next March in Burton-on-Trent, centre of British brewing.

The competition will be judged in Burton and the awards will be presented in June at an exhibition in Earls Court, London, where more than 200 exhibitors have already booked 80 per cent of the space.

Nuclear plant shut down

A nuclear power station at Hartlepool, Cleveland, was closed yesterday for two weeks of repairs after the discovery of a steam leak in pipework outside one of the plant's two reactors.

The Central Electricity Generating Board said: "The steam was not radioactive and none of the staff was affected". The station's other reactor was already closed for statutory maintenance.

PC's treasure

Police Constable Peter Cracknell, aged 34, who dug up 55 gold and silver ancient coins with the help of a metal detector near his beat in Ludgershall, Wiltshire, could be £7,000 richer after an inquest yesterday declared them to be treasure trove.

£5,000 dog

A couple in Harborne, Birmingham, are prepared to reduce by £5,000 the price of their £70,000 house for a purchaser who is also willing to take Jasper, a cross-bred otter hound they are having to leave behind.

Kendall sale

Miss Kim Kendall, the actress sister of Kay Kendall who died in 1957, and her husband have bought the lighthouse at Withernsea, Humberside, the town where the sisters were born. They paid £55,000.

Man jailed

Saied Montegemi, aged 34, of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, admitted insulting behaviour to a boy aged 12 outside Buckingham Palace on August 7, and was jailed for two months by Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Angling curb

Anglers using lakes and waterways owned by West Sussex County Council are to be banned from using lead sinker weights of up to 14 grams to protect swans from lead poisoning.

Firemen's bell

More than 50 senior fire officers, attending the Fire '86 Exhibition in Glasgow, had to evacuate the city's Hospitality Inn yesterday when fire broke out.

Buoyant house prices 'to last two years'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices must inevitably fall in real terms, but not for another two years, according to an economist writing in this month's issue of Lloyds Bank's economic bulletin.

Mr Patrick Foley, the bank's regional economist, says that nominal prices are much less likely to fall, and rejects the suggestion that the present boom in prices, particularly in London and the South-east, might soon be reversed.

He says that, despite sharp rises, house prices are not abnormally high and recent increases are small compared with those during property booms in the 1970s.

In July this year prices were up by 14 per cent for the country as a whole compared with the corresponding month last year.

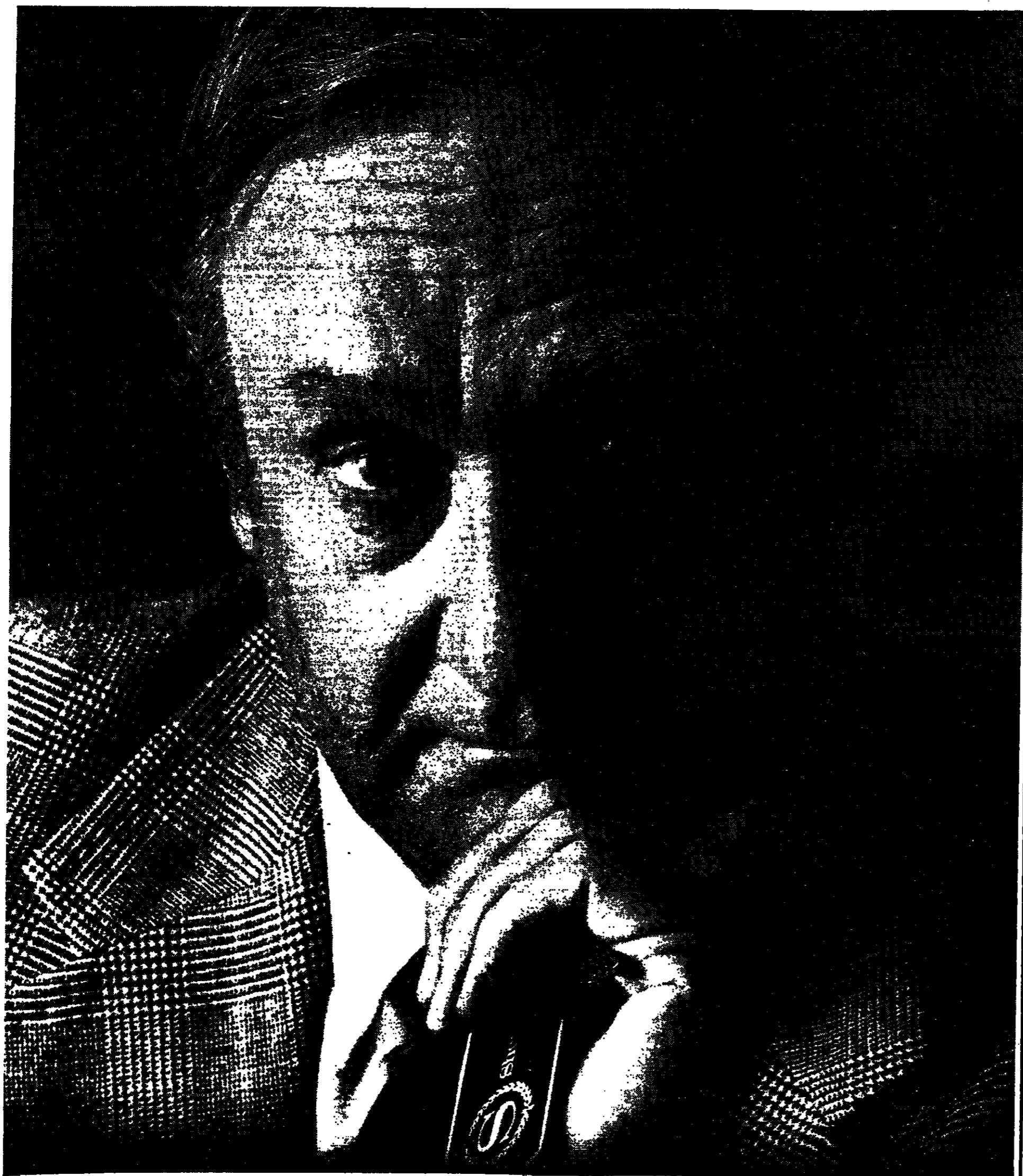
In the third quarter of 1979, prices were 31 per cent higher than a year earlier and in the first quarter of 1973, the

increase in the year was 50 per cent.

Since the beginning of 1982, however, prices have been rising in real terms and are now higher than at any time since 1973, leading some observers to suggest that the present boom is likely to be reversed and to blame the easy availability of credit for pushing prices unnaturally high.

Mr Foley argues that change in disposable income is the main factor determining house price movements and a comparison of house prices with disposable income shows the present level of prices to be only just above its 30-year average.

He predicts that over the next two years the recent rapid increase in disposable income will be less marked and, as inflation rises during the same period to about 5 per cent, there will be a slowing of house price inflation to a level that will show a reduction in real house prices.



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Howe fears effect of Daniloff arrest on Gorbachov's reforms

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday said the continuing Soviet detention of Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist, "seems inconsistent with their proclaimed wish for a serious summit".

Sir Geoffrey told a press conference at the end of two days of top-level talks with the Reagan Administration and congressional leaders, which were preoccupied with the superpower crisis over Mr Daniloff. "Nobody knows for sure whether it is a deliberate attempt to sabotage the prospects of a summit or whether

it is the consequence of ill-judgement or clumsiness." The US was right not to allow itself to let the affair distract it from the long-term task of pursuing improved relations with the Soviet Union.

"The worry in my mind is that Mr Gorbachov's new broom risks being smashed by old Soviet-style reflexes," he added.

On South Africa, the other key subject of Sir Geoffrey's talks, he expressed continuing scepticism about the impact of sanctions against South Africa, despite the European

Community's imminent decision to impose a range of tougher new penalties.

He said it would be sensible to co-ordinate EEC sanctions with any new measures the United States might impose, although he emphasized the enormous difficulties of doing so.

Even if there was precise co-ordination between the European Community, the US and Japan, other trading nations would seek to outwit them. "A number of us are sceptical about the effectiveness of sanctions."

Foreign Ministers of the European Community meet in Brussels next week to decide on specific new measures against South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey was in Washington both as Foreign Secretary and as President of the Council of Ministers of the European Community. He held two hours of talks on Tuesday with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, followed by a working dinner, which dealt with southern Africa, terrorism, the Middle East and trade relations between the European Community and the US.

Sir Geoffrey said he had put forward ideas for improving overall consultation between the US and the Community. Mrs King flounders, page 7



Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, after their talks in the State Department.

Opposition boycott threat in Nicaragua

From Alan Tomlinson Managua

Opposition parties in Nicaragua are threatening to take no further part in drawing up the country's new constitution unless the Government comes to a broad agreement with them over the nation's political future.

Half the Opposition deputies stayed away from a ceremony in the National Assembly on Tuesday at which the Government presented a revised draft of the constitution for debate.

The gesture was clearly aimed at embarrassing the ruling Sandinistas in front of invited foreign diplomats.

The Government has described the new constitution as the first in which the genuine interests of the people are being considered, and has pointed to the year-long process of public consultation as evidence of the fundamentally democratic nature of the Sandinista revolution.

The Sandinistas are hoping the constitutional process will help them recover some of the international prestige lost when right-wing parties boycotted general elections two years ago, alleging fraud.

Now five of the six moderate and left-wing parties, which ran in the election and occupy a third of Assembly seats, say they will boycott the constitutional debate unless the Government agrees to resolve beforehand some of the deep political differences dividing the country.

Parties across a broad spectrum from Conservatives to Communists want the debate postponed until a consensus on the country's future has been reached in talks with all parties.

They are not, however, proposing that American-backed rebels, known as the Contras, should join the negotiations at this stage. This has been a stumbling block to earlier calls for national dialogue.

"The constitution per se will not resolve the national crisis, as it cannot operate effectively unless it is the product of political agreement between parties," said Senor Virgilio Godoy, leader of the Independent Liberals.

"The crisis is not only political, it is economic, social, even religious."



President Ortega of Nicaragua presenting his country's highest award to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, for support given to his Government, at a ceremony in Delhi.

Summit on Middle East may go ahead

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Mr Ali Lotfi, said in London yesterday that conditions for the arbitration of the Taba border dispute with Israel, which has held up an Egyptian-Israeli summit, could be settled by today (Reuters reports).

Mr Lotfi cut short a private visit to Britain a day early to return to Cairo, amid speculation that the summit could be imminent.

He said "some technical points remain to be settled today or tomorrow" and that the way would then be clear for a summit between President Mubarak and the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, to go ahead.

Rohmer wins at Venice

Venice (Reuters) - The French director Eric Rohmer's film *Le Rayon Vert*, a gentle love story, won the Leone d'Or (Golden Lion) award for best film at the Venice film festival.

The award for best actress went to Valeria Golino for her role in the Italian film *Storia d'amore*, while Carlo Delle Piane was judged best actor for *Regalo di Natale*.

Banned poet

Moscow (Reuters) - A volume of verses by Nikolai Gumilyov, a banned Russian poet who was shot as a counter-revolutionary in 1921, is to be published in the Soviet Union.

Animals out

Helsinki (Reuters) - Circuses in Finland will not be allowed to feature elephants and other big wild animals in their shows from next month under new anti-cruelty regulations.

Forgotten men

Peking (Reuters) - One day after the tenth anniversary of the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the Government announced that death anniversaries for Chinese leaders will no longer be marked, although their birthdays will be commemorated.

Feeling fit

Taipei (Reuters) - Taiwan has unveiled its first locally-made and designed car, the 1800 cc Feeling-101.

Eight Tamil guerrillas die in clashes

From Vijitha Yapa Colombo

Eight Tamil guerrillas were killed in two separate incidents in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province on Tuesday, according to a Government communique.

At Kommanthurai the security forces killed five guerrillas preparing to blow up a bridge. Three were identified as belonging to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

At Ambavelipuram, in Trincomalee district, three guerrillas were killed and three arrested in a clash with security forces searching for two abducted members of the Sinhalese community on Tuesday.

Canada files charges against refugee skipper

From John Best, Ottawa

The West German captain of the small cargo ship which cast adrift more than 150 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees off Newfoundland last month has been charged in his absence with two offences.

The charges were laid in St John's, Newfoundland, against Captain Wolfgang Bindel, aged 45, of Nordenham.

Two Sri Lankans living in West Germany, Vyramutha Rathnan, aged 37, and Mohammed Dawood-Lebbi, aged 39, have been charged in their absence on one count.

None of the alleged offences is extraditable, and it is doubtful whether the three will ever appear in a Canadian court.

The refugees, plucked from two lifeboats by Canadian fishing vessels, have been allowed to stay in Canada for at least a year while they look for work.

Captain Bindel is charged under the Immigration Act with failing to present passengers on his ship, the Aurigae, to a Canadian immigration officer for examination.

He and the two Sri Lankans are charged under the Criminal Code with conspiracy to commit the offence cited in the first count.

The charges carry a penalty on summary conviction of six months in jail, a \$Can500 (£250) fine, or both.

UN urged to keep human rights body

From A Correspondent, Geneva

The United Nations should not be allowed to scale down its investigations in the field of human rights simply because of a financial crisis, a three-day meeting of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) decided here yesterday.

But the meeting, called to protest against cancellation of the 1986 UN sub-commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities, failed to come up with any concrete proposals for re-instituting the meetings.

Instead it called on all NGOs present to bring "maximum pressure" on the governments of their home countries to make sure the sub-commission meets again this year.

Seventeen of the 26 members of the sub-commission, an independent body which provides advice to the UN Human Rights Commission, were present. All agreed with Mr Peter Davies, director of the London-based Anti-Slavery Society, that the sub-commission should be re-convened.

Mr Davies told a press

conference: "You have to look at the bottom line, at what is acceptable and what has a chance of being listened to at the UN and not tossed into somebody's waste paper basket."

"That's what we have been trying to do here; to draft a document which has some chance of being accepted."

The sub-commission normally meets in Geneva for four weeks every August to debate the thousands of complaints from individuals and organizations claiming their human rights have been violated and asking the UN to do something about it.

This year's session was cancelled by the UN secretariat as part of economy measures instituted earlier this year; this means cases of alleged discrimination will not now be heard until 1987.

The seminar, which ended yesterday, decided to keep the steering committee in permanent session as a means of bringing before the UN Secretary General, Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar, the need to reconvene the sub-commission.

State poll clash in Australia

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

The start of the Queensland election campaign has brought a vitriolic dispute between the state and federal governments over allegations that Australia has been a launching pad for terrorism by such organizations as the PLO.

For the second day running, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, denounced Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the Queensland Premier, saying he had "a sick mind" and was unfit to govern.

Sir Joh, a long-surviving political maverick, replied that he had raised the question in the aftermath of the Karachi attack on an American airliner "to encourage public discussion" about the PLO office in Australia.

Canberra permits the PLO, the African National Congress and Swapo to have information offices.

The exchanges are the opening shots in a campaign that will be as tough as any in recent years. The poll is likely to be in November.

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Mrs King floundering out of her depth as South Africa trip ends

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The American civil rights activist, Mrs Coretta Scott King, the widow of Dr Martin Luther King, flew to Johannesburg from Cape Town yesterday for an expected meeting with Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed African National Congress (ANC) leader, Mr Nelson Mandela.

Before leaving Cape Town, Mrs King, who is due to leave South Africa today at the expiry of the week's visa she was granted to attend the enthronement of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, had a 30-minute meeting with Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Dr Boesak, a leading Coloured (mixed-race) church opponent of the Government, afterwards praised Mrs King's "very wise and very courageous decision" to cancel meetings that she was to have held on Tuesday and yesterday with President Botha and Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the conservative Zulu leader.

Mrs King said she was pleased "that we did not allow misrepresentations and misperceptions to destroy relationships between people with the same basic goals."

It soon became clear, however, that Mrs King was not going to be allowed to dialogue with just anyone. Telephone calls from the Rev Jesse Jackson, backing Dr Boesak's and Mrs Mandela's position, reportedly added to the pressure on her. Archbishop Tutu also explained to her, as he put it, "the sensitivities of our particular situation."

Sanctions by Ottawa

Ottawa - The Canadian Government has ordered South African tourism and airline offices in the country to shut down by November 1 (John Best writes).

The move is part of a Commonwealth package of sanctions to end apartheid.

The November 1 deadline stems from an advertisement placed by the Toronto office of the South African Tourism

Mrs King is a revered figure in the US as the guardian of her husband's memory and political legacy, but she has not inherited his power or influence, even among US blacks (Michael Binyon writes).

As head of the Martin Luther King Centre for Non-Violent Social Change, she appears at ceremonial occasions, lends her name to various black and civil rights causes and gives the keynote speech on the day, a national

Mrs King has been floundering out of her depth ever since she and her considerable entourage arrived here. They were clearly quite unprepared for the obstacles which her well-meaning but vague desire to meet "a broad spectrum" of South African leaders would encounter.

Government sources were crowing yesterday over what they see as a propaganda gift. The incident, they contend, confirms that Mr Botha is a reasonable man prepared to talk with anyone who eschews violence, while his radical opponents are opposed to dialogue. The sources said that President Botha's door was still open to Mrs King.

Mrs King's aides were still claiming yesterday that her decision to cancel her trip to Durban to meet Chief Buthelezi had nothing to do with political pressure but was because she was "exhausted," according to one, or was suffering from "a leg ailment," according to another.

Appeals heard: In Bloemfontein, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday heard appeals against conflicting judgements handed down on August 11 and 14 by full benches of the Supreme Court in Durban and Pietermaritzburg on the legality of emergency regulations providing for summary arrest and detention.

IRA men state case in Holland

The Dutch Supreme Court in The Hague yesterday heard Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly, IRA members sentenced to life imprisonment in the United Kingdom, state their case against their extradition to Britain.

McFarlane, aged 34, and Kelly, aged 32, who escaped from the Maze prison in Northern Ireland with 36 others on September 25, 1983, were arrested in Amsterdam on January 16 this year.

On March 25 a court in Amsterdam decided that Kelly could be extradited but not McFarlane. Both the prosecution and the defence appealed against the ruling.

The Supreme Court quashed the lower court's decision on technical grounds but deferred its own ruling on the British extradition request.

The Supreme Court yesterday heard evidence from the two men separately on the acts for which they had been convicted in the United Kingdom, and on their role in the escape from the Maze prison, to ascertain whether they are to be considered as political delinquents or as criminals.

McFarlane compared the situation in Northern Ireland to the German occupation of The Netherlands during the Second World War.

The lawyer for the two men, Mr Willem van Bennekom, has described the proceedings as a test case, which is being followed closely in other countries. The court's ruling is not expected before next year.

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Many of the pensioners emigrated to the former colony of Rhodesia from Britain in the 1940s and 1950s, retiring to South Africa.

If left destitute by Zimbabwean sanctions against Pretoria, most would return to Britain and look to the welfare state for support, observers believe.

An MP for Mr Ian Smith's conservative Alliance Party, Mr Mark Partridge, told the House of Assembly that the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, had caused alarm among pensioners by twice raising the possibility of stopping remittances to South Africa.

The right to remit a pension abroad was entrenched in Zimbabwe's 1980 Lancaster House independence constitution, he noted.

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Election triumph for a Kennedy

Mrs Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, a daughter of the late Robert Kennedy, gives a thumbs-up sign, watched by her proud husband and children, Kate, aged two, and Mestian, aged eight, after winning a primary election in Maryland. She will now be the Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives in a suburb of Baltimore (Michael Binyon writes from Washington).

Her victory, with 82 per cent of the vote, is a considerable achievement, as she was trailing behind two other Democratic aspirants. One of her main campaign themes was the need to improve conditions for working married couples with children.

She campaigned under her married name, though the name Kennedy also appeared on the

ballot form. Meanwhile her brother, Joseph Kennedy II, is the favourite to win the primary next week for a key Democratic seat in Boston. Mr Kennedy, aged 33, the heir to a political legacy in the city, is campaigning for the seat that has been held for the past 34 years by Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, who is retiring.

A dozen Democrats initially entered the race. Five have since dropped out, but spending by Democrats alone is approaching \$3 million (\$2 million), breaking Massachusetts records and making the election one of the most expensive in the history of the House. Mr Kennedy has outspent his nearest rival by a margin of two to one.

EEC draft budget cuts overseas aid to save farm cash

From Jonathan Brande, Strasbourg

Development aid, food aid, spending on transport and funds for agricultural infrastructure improvements were all cut in the first draft of the European Community's 1987 budget.

The draft was drawn up by budget ministers early on Tuesday as they attempted to safeguard funds for spending on farm support.

However, spending was increased on education, energy programmes and regional grants.

Mr Henning Christophersen, the EEC Budget Commissioner, immediately called on the Parliament to reverse the cuts in development aid because of what he called Europe's "moral and political obligation" to the developing world.

He said the budget ministers had cut aid to developing countries by £76 million compared with 1986, and by £138 million compared with the proposals by the European Commission earlier this year.

But Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State at the Treasury, who chairs the budget ministers during Britain's six-month presidency of the Common Market, told the European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday: "I am delighted that education expenditure is up, and research up by 15 per cent."

He called on the European Parliament not to exercise its right to increase the total budget by nearly £240 million, in an attempt to reverse some of the savings made by ministers.

He called on MEPs to enter into a "reasoned dialogue" with ministers in discussing the cuts.

● Milk curbs: Tough new measures to curb European milk production were proposed by the European Commission in Strasbourg yesterday, as milk output soared to more than one million tonnes above the official quota and butter stores topped 1.4 million tonnes.

The proposals, yet to be endorsed by EEC agriculture ministers, call for special powers to halt purchases of butter and milk powder stocks into EEC stores in unspecified "exceptional circumstances", and would cut surplus milk production by up to three million tonnes a year.

The new proposals would end the loophole which allows farmers in one region to balance surplus output against under-production elsewhere to reduce the punitive "superlevy" on over-producers.

Last year over-production in England and Wales in 1985 was balanced against shortfalls in Scotland, so that English farmers paid no more than a token levy.

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Pro-government parade in Santiago rivalled by lightning opposition protests

Repression and fear preside over Pinochet anniversary

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

President Pinochet of Chile today is celebrating in an atmosphere of growing repression and fear the thirtieth anniversary of the military coup that brought him to power.

The ambush of the presidential convoy on Sunday was followed by the declaration of a state of siege, the round-up of left-wing opposition leaders and the banning of all opposition weeklies, along with the Reuters news agency.

Yesterday the military authorities also suspended the Italian news agency, Ansa, for transmitting "false and contentious news with respect to the armed forces".

Within 48 hours, three of those originally said to have been arrested were discovered shot dead in different parts of Santiago, leading to speculation that an El Salvador-style death squad was applying a policy of an eye for an eye.

Five members of President Pinochet's personal body-

guard were killed in the ambush.

Those killed after their arrest were Señor José Carrasco, foreign editor of the Chilean magazine, *Andrés*; a primary schoolteacher, Señor Gastón Vidaurrazaga, who was the son of a civil court judge; and an electrician, Señor Felipe Rivera.

By yesterday morning writs of *habeas corpus* on behalf of more than 60 people under arrest or in danger of arrest had been filed with the courts. Among those applying for protection are the leaders of Chile's Human Rights Commission, several of whom have had their homes searched.

On Tuesday evening, as thousands of supporters of President Pinochet paraded along Santiago's main street, 27 exiles trying to enter the country were turned back at the airport.

The carefully planned march was preceded by a huge advertising campaign in all



President Pinochet, left, acknowledging the cheers of the crowd at a rally in Santiago, while his supporters strain against police lines to get a better view

daily newspapers and on television, with delegations brought in by the authorities from all over Chile.

Nevertheless, with about 40,000 participants, it was considerably smaller than a similar effort in 1983, and smaller than several opposition demonstrations.

Residents of some large urban slums are reported to have been paid to attend the pro-government march. At-

tendance was mandatory for all public service employees.

Anti-government demonstrations at several universities were suppressed by police and troops, who waved their guns menacingly and, in at least one case, fired at the students.

In spite of the heavily armed soldiers throughout the city and the usual array of water cannon and armoured cars used in suppressing

demonstrations, lightning anti-government protests took place at the same time as the pro-Pinochet parade.

The wife of the Christian Democrat leader, Señor Andrés Zaldívar, reported that afterwards a mob who arrived in about 40 cars attacked their home, injuring their daughter.

Patricio Manns, a popular Chilean songwriter and official spokesman for the Ma-

nuel Rodríguez Patriotic Front, said his organization was responsible for the attack on President Pinochet, the first of its kind in the history of Chile.

The British Ambassador in Santiago, Mr John Hickman, condemned the attack on President Pinochet and expressed the hope that the imposition of the state of siege would not slow the return to democratic rule.

Wellington refuses to release US papers

Wellington (Reuters) - New Zealand has refused to release diplomatic papers on its anti-nuclear row with the US, saying they are too sensitive. Mr Frank O'Flynn, the Defence Minister, told Parliament the documents dealt with "sensitive issues of international relations" and included papers from Washington which New Zealand had no power to make public.

France cuts the cackle

Paris - From October 1, a local telephone call will only last six minutes during peak hours instead of the present 20 minutes, though up to 18 minutes will be allowed during off-peak periods (Diana Geddes writes). At the same time, the cost per unit is to be cut from 77 to 74 centimes (7/4p).

Train delays

Vienna - All international trains between Salzburg and Vienna were delayed yesterday when all 31 carriages of a goods train travelling from Hungary to Belgium were derailed near Steindorf in western Austria. Delays will continue for two days.

Eastern pact

Peking (Reuters) - The Soviet Union and China signed a new consular treaty after talks between the Chinese Vice-Premier, Mr Yao Yilin, and the Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Talyzin.

Escape fails

Berlin (AP) - Two people attempted to crash through an East German highway barrier to West Berlin with a car, but were arrested after guards fired a volley of shots. West Berlin police said.

Fatal fever

Moscow (Reuters) - A Soviet card player from northern Caucasus has been executed for murdering his partner's wife and month-old baby daughter with an axe in order to get more money to continue gambling.

Protest by Spanish journalists



Señor José Carrasco, above, foreign editor of the Chilean magazine *Andrés*, who was found shot dead at a Santiago cemetery after being arrested on Monday by men who said they were police.

The president of the Spanish Union of Journalists, Señor Luis Apostua, handed a protest note to the Chilean Embassy in Madrid yesterday, calling Señor Carrasco's death "a further example of the total disdain shown towards human rights in Chile" and criticizing the regime's "repressive, arbitrary and indiscriminate measures".

Iraq threat to raid Larak oil terminal

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Iraq is now threatening to extend the Gulf War down to Iran's newest oil-loading station at Larak Island in advance of the expected Iranian offensive east of the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

Mr Abdul Jabr Mohsen, head of the political guidance department of the Defence Ministry in Baghdad, said that Iraqi jets would bomb the oil tankers which are moored and loading oil at Larak at the mouth of the Gulf and just off the Iranian naval base at Bandar Abbas.

Warnings from Tehran yesterday that Iran would attack commercial targets in Iraq if the Iraqis continued to use poison gas on the front, have only added to the profound sense of foreboding that both Iraq and the Arab Gulf states are experiencing in advance of the Iranian attack.

Hojatolislam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, said on Friday that mobilization would reach its peak on Sunday, six days before the sixth anniversary of the start of the war.

Iraq's air raid against Sirri Island on August 12 forced the Iraqis to move their loading terminal all the way down

their coast to the rough waters opposite Hormuz, and to install new batteries of ground-to-air missiles there to protect their shipping.

Oil is brought down from the Kharg Island terminal, which is less than 100 miles from the front lines and frequently under Iraqi air attack, to Larak in a series of "shuttle" tankers. At Larak it is transferred at sea to anchored "mother" ships and then pumped onto the super-tankers which take the oil to Japan and Europe.

Both sides in the Gulf War are now trying to "soften up" their opponents before the attack which Iran has described as the "last" offensive of the war. Iran's assaults across the mountains of northern Iraq and Iraq's increasing air raids on Iranian economic targets are forming a natural prelude for the offensive.

They are also likely to grow in intensity. Air Marshal Hamid Shabana, the Commander of the Iraqi Air Force, has served warning that future bombings will be carried out "according to the (sic) plan and at the appropriate time... and will be as important as the latest air raids (on Sirri)."

Vienna and US mend fences

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

A public relations exercise aimed at repairing Austro-American relations in the wake of Dr Kurt Waldheim's election as President went into operation yesterday when he met a 30-strong delegation of businessmen representing the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

In a meeting which was hailed by aides of the President as proof of America's goodwill towards Austria, Dr Waldheim spoke of the great debt Austria owed the US for its aid after the devastation of the Second World War.

Mr Ronald Lauder, the US Ambassador, in an interview with Austrian journalists, confirmed that the passions which Dr Waldheim's wartime activities as a Wehrmacht officer in the Balkans had aroused were a thing of the past.

"The storm is behind us," Mr Lauder said.

Dr Waldheim's meeting with the San Francisco businessmen is the first of several intended to encourage Americans to invest in Austria.

Labourers' leader avoids jail

From A Correspondent, Madrid

A court in Morón de la Frontera, southern Spain, has suspended a month-and-a-day prison sentence passed on Señor Diego Cañamero, leader of the landless farm labourers' organization, for occupying a farm in Andalusia in 1984.

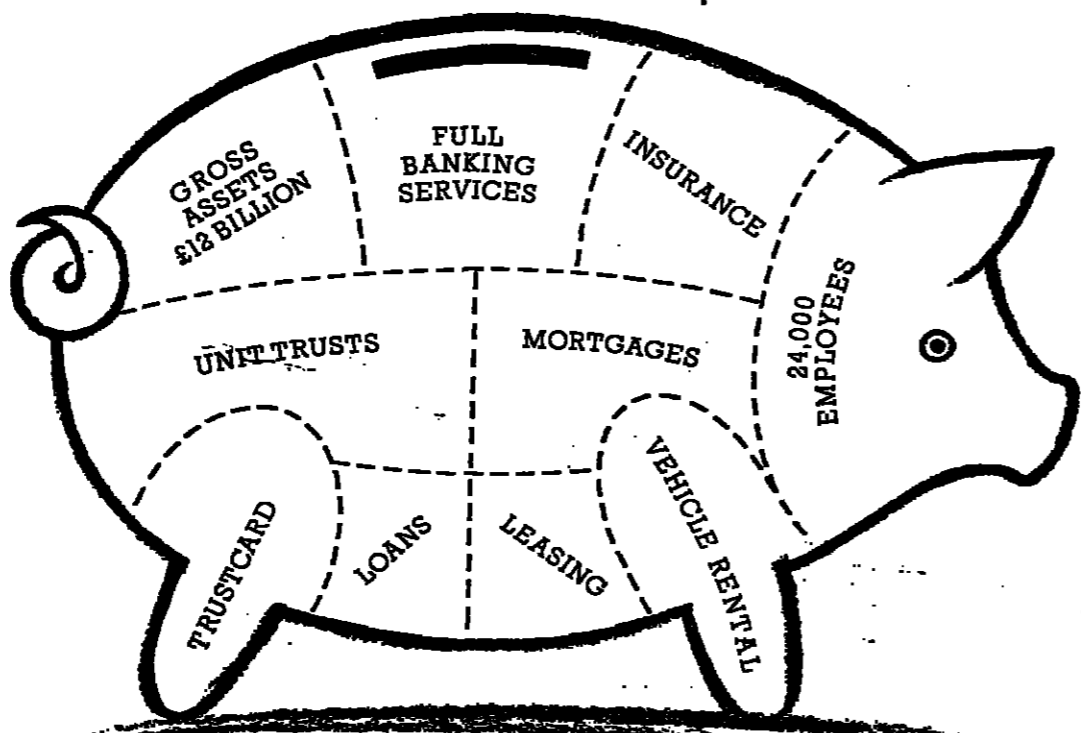
Señor Cañamero, who was holding a rally in Madrid yesterday, described the decision as "part of a victory, but not the whole one".

He and his supporters have been unsuccessfully pressing Señor Felipe González's Government to pardon 600 labourers who have taken part in land occupation.

He also wants the Socialist Government to introduce agrarian reform in Andalusia to relieve rural unemployment.

Señor Cañamero's sentence was suspended on condition that he does not stage another illegal farm occupation for two years. Despite this, he and 200 other labourers on Tuesday peacefully occupied a farm in the province of Madrid, owned by a bank and used exclusively for hunting.

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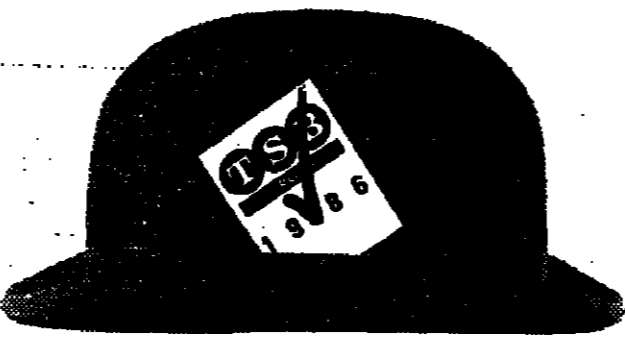
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France announces first three companies in £30bn state sell-off

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The massive denationalization programme of the French Government, involving 65 banks, insurance companies and industrial groups, got under way yesterday with the official announcement of the first three candidates for privatization.

The total value of the companies, representing 800,000 employees, has been put at anything between £20 billion and £30 billion.

As expected, the Government has chosen successful representatives of the three main categories in its privatization programme as its first candidates. They are:

- The St Gobain industrial group, specializing in glass and other building materials; 149,000 employees, profits last year 755 million francs (£75 million) on a turnover of 67.8 billion francs.
- The Paribas financial group, with 29,000 employees, profits last year of 2.7 billion francs on assets of 551 billion francs.
- The Assurances Générales de France (AGF), the second biggest French insurance company; 18,000 employees, profits last year 1.3 billion francs on a turnover of 21.3 billion francs.

Under the privatization law passed in great haste by Parliament last July, after President Mitterrand refused to sign the privatization decree, total foreign holdings in the newly-privatized companies will be limited to a maximum of 20 per cent, though that ceiling can be lowered by decree when national interests are deemed to be at stake.

In addition, the Government plans to use a "special share" system, similar to the "golden share" used in Britain, to block individual holdings, French or foreign, of

more than 10 per cent. But that arrangement will come to an end after a maximum of five years.

Foreigners investing in companies involved in defence, public order or health must get government approval for any individual holding of more than 5 per cent.

To encourage worker participation, 10 per cent of shares will be offered for sale to employees of the companies to be privatized. Some kind of preferential rates or other special deal will almost certainly be involved, though how this will be done has still to be decided.

It has also not yet been decided whether the companies will be denationalized 100 per cent, or whether the Government will retain a minority share.

The Government now plans a big publicity campaign to launch its privatization programme and to encourage share ownership. At one time there were fears that so many companies coming up for privatization over such a relatively short time might depress the market, but it now looks as though there is plenty of money around.

The next step is for the Government to decide which of the first three candidates will be privatized first. It is unlikely that it will try to float all three at once.

The chosen company will then be valued by auditors and an estimated market price put on it by a merchant bank, before the proposed sale price is examined by a special independent seven-man commission. The Government has promised that no company will be put on the market at below its estimated real value.

On the other hand, it is very anxious for the first privatizations to be seen to be successful and will therefore inevitably want to sell them at some slight discount without, however, running the risk of being accused "selling off the national heritage for a song", as President Mitterrand has suggested the Government might do.



Mitterrand: fears sale of national heritage.



Mrs Anna Hauptmann, widow of Richard Hauptmann, executed in 1936 for the murder of the baby son of the aviation pioneer, Charles Lindbergh, announcing that she is petitioning the New Jersey legislature to clear his name.

£40m suit over air collision

Los Angeles (Reuters) — Lawsuits were filed yesterday seeking \$60 million (£40.5 million) in damages for the relatives of five of the estimated 90 people who died in an air collision over the Los Angeles suburb of Carrizo.

Lawyers filed a Superior Court suit seeking \$40 million in damages for Mrs Belhazida Gutierrez, whose husband, Hector, died in the collision.

The suit was filed against the airline, the estate of the pilot and two radar and electronic tracking systems manufacturers and distributors.

They also filed a claim against the Government for \$20 million, alleging that it should have provided safer flight rules and radar.

S Korean minister in Tokyo

The South Korean Foreign Minister, Mr Choi Kwang Soo, arrived in Tokyo yesterday for talks with his Japanese counterpart, Mr Tadashi Kuranari, which government sources said might not sweeten the bitterness caused by the remarks of the Japanese Education Minister, Mr Masayuki Fujio, for which he was dismissed this week.

Mr Fujio seriously offended the South Koreans by suggesting that the Japanese occupied Korea in 1910 with the complicity of the Koreans.

The sources said the foreign ministers' first meeting was not a happy one. Their talks continue today.

Military pledges loyalty to Aquino

From Keith Dalton Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines, buoyed by a pledge of loyalty and support from the military high command, yesterday called the first National Security Council meeting, called to resolve Cabinet squabbling over stalled peace talks with Communist rebels.

A "statement of consensus", signed by all 69 generals in the armed forces, pledged "to support fully, to remain constantly under, and to respond faithfully to (the) civilian authority" of the six-month-old Aquino Government.

The statement, described as unprecedented by Manila newspapers, was released a day after a rare meeting at military headquarters, led by the armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos, and the four service commanders.

Its release appears to have been prompted by speculation about military loyalty in view of a feud between Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the Defence Minister, and several Cabinet members over Mrs Aquino's handling of peace talks.

The six-member council was summoned hastily to resolve the "public squabbling and name-calling", Vice-President Salvador Laurel said.

The loyalty pledge was made public hours before the council meeting, apparently to "clear the air" on where the armed forces stood, the Manila Journal reported.

"The new armed forces of the Philippines remain, as it has always been, an integral part of the Government, regardless of what its detractors say," the statement said.

Holidays abolished: Two public holidays closely identified with Mr Ferdinand Marcos, the deposed President, have been revoked (Reuters reports).

September 11, Mr Marcos's birthday, was celebrated as Village Day. September 21 was the date he imposed martial law in 1972, known as National Thanksgiving Day.

Suspect kills soldier: A suspected member of a Communist assassination squad escaped yesterday after shooting dead one soldier and seriously wounding another outside Defence Ministry headquarters in Manila, where he was being taken for questioning (Reuters reports).

Britain to join '30% Club' Call for further air pollution curbs

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

On the eve of an expected announcement by Mrs Margaret Thatcher that Britain would be cutting sulphur emissions by 30 per cent, an international conference on air pollution here called yesterday for still further reductions by the end of the 1990s.

The conference was attended by representatives of 16 countries from Western and Eastern Europe.

It also called for action to curb nitrogen oxide emissions, principally from car exhausts, a form of air pollution that has until now attracted less attention than sulphur, which gives rise to the so-called acid rain effect.

A last-minute change of heart by the Soviet Union, in withdrawing its previous insistence on the inclusion in the conference's final resolution of the need to prevent nuclear war and promote peace, allowed the conference to bring its three-day meeting to a close unexpectedly early yesterday.

Mr Richard Alexander, Conservative MP for Newark, who led the three-man British delegation, said he would be reporting the conference's findings to the Government as soon as he returned to London, and before Mrs Thatcher leaves for her visit to Norway.

In Oslo, she is expected to announce that Britain is joining the so-called "30 per cent club". There has been increasing bitterness in the Nordic area over Britain's unwillingness to join.

Fish and plant life in thousands of lakes and rivers in the area has been wiped out by acid rain, most of it carried by prevailing winds over the North Sea from Britain.

Another member of the British delegation, Sir Hugh Rossi, Conservative MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, who is chairman of the House of Commons select committee on the environment, said that since 1970 sulphur emissions in Britain had already been reduced by the switch from coal to natural gas, conversion to nuclear power and the run-down of some heavy industries.

He estimated that joining the "30 per cent club" would involve Britain in an actual emission cut of 8.9 per cent and would cost £170 million, which was the cost of the introduction of sulphur filtration equipment at three power stations.

He pointed out that Britain was ahead of many other countries in meeting the "new" nitrogen oxide threat, with recent decisions by Ford and Rover to build lean-burn cars, which have engines operating at lower temperatures and thereby cut nitrogen oxide and hydrocarbon pollution.

Sir Hugh said Nordic annoyance with Britain over acid rain was understandable and highly regrettable in its effect on previously excellent relations with Norway, but he pointed out that with the Clean Air Acts of 1956, which eradicated smog in London and cleaned up many other British cities, the country had led the way in curbing air pollution.

Syria to hold first mass vaccination campaign

Damascus (Reuters) — Syria will launch the Arab world's first nationwide vaccination campaign this week to protect more than one million children against six diseases, Syrian Health Ministry officials said.

Statistics compiled by the UN Children's Fund (Unicef) show that about 5,000 Syrian children aged under five die each year of polio, measles, whooping cough, tuberculosis, diphtheria or tetanus. These diseases account for about 13 per cent of deaths in their age-group.

The director of Unicef, Mr James Grant, and the president of the Arabian Gulf Fund, Prince Talal of Saudi Arabia, will attend the official start of the campaign.

Unicef will supply refrigeration equipment worth \$2 million (£1.3 million), and the Fund will provide \$1 million a year. The World Health Organization is also helping.

A Unicef official said that the campaign, the total cost of which might reach \$20 million, aims to increase the number of immunized infants aged under one from 30 per cent in 1985 to at least 80 percent by the end of this year.

Uganda assembles anti-rebel force

Kampala (Reuters) — Four thousand men have been assembled in the northern town of Gulu by Uganda's National Resistance Army (NRA) for an offensive against rebels who control major roads, travellers from the north said yesterday.

The Financial Times, the independent Kampala newspaper, said the rebels had set up posts along the main routes

between Gulu, scene of a rebel attack on August 20, Kitgum to the east and Moyo and Arua to the west.

It said the rebels, described by the Government as remnants of the disbanded Uganda National Liberation Army (UNLA), had ambushed Army lorries on these roads.

President Museveni said the rebels lost 50 men killed in the unsuccessful raid on Gulu, their most daring since the NRA took power in Kampala last January.

Rebel attacks on passenger trains have halted railway traffic between Kampala and the north-eastern town of Pakwach.

The Pakwach line passes through Gulu and the Acholi territory, heartland of UNLA opposition to Mr Museveni.

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THE TIMES PROFILE

JAMES ANDERTON

The Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, John Stalker, has been at the centre of a long, public and often bitter controversy. He has been withdrawn from a key inquiry in Ulster, accused of mixing with criminals, suspended and finally reinstated. After all of that, it is a remarkable fact that Stalker is merely the second most controversial policeman in Manchester.

The number one position, in several senses of the term, belongs to his boss, Cyril James Anderton. In his 10 years as chief constable, Anderton has acquired a fame — or notoriety, depending on your point of view — that has transcended the physical boundaries of his "patch", the largest provincial police force in England. He is among Britain's best-known "coppers", a man who has determinedly lived up to the controversial tag applied to him from the outside by the headline writers of the more popular dailies.

In the last decade he has courted and skilfully used the media to expound his views, jumping unhesitatingly with both regulation boots into politically sensitive areas where other chief constables fear to tread. In the process he has endeared himself to many, made more enemies than most men would wish and continually infuriated the left with his condemnation of them as "the enemy within".

The one great disappointment for him has been his failure to secure the appointment as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, a post for which he had been widely tipped, first in succession to Sir Robert Mark in 1977 and then to Sir David McNee in 1982. He lost out on both occasions.

Those close to him in the force believe he failed on two counts: by openly, but perhaps unwisely, proclaiming his ambitions, and because of uneasiness within the Home Office that, with his high profile and uncompromising attitude, Anderton in New Scotland Yard would simply be too close for comfort.

Tomorrow, he gets a national platform when he assumes the presidency of the Association of Chief Police Officers, the "union" of more than 250 of the most senior police officers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This will give him the Government's ear, which he will undoubtedly bend in an attempt to ensure that the police are given the role and resources he believes they deserve and need.

Yet even his appointment to this post — one that members of the association occupy in turn — has been tinged by controversy, arising from the Stalker affair. The questions surrounding Anderton's role in and handling of an episode damaging to force morale, and perhaps also to his own standing with his men, is a lingering unpleasantness, leading his local evening newspaper to question whether, because of it, he should have the ACPO presidency.

The one thing on which both his critics and admirers agree is that Anderton is not a man easily ignored. He stands around 6ft 2in and weighs some 15 stone, depending on the success or otherwise of his current diet. His dark hair is dramatically slicked back and the thick black beard surges over the ever-crisp white shirt of his uniform. He is a complex individual who sees no reason why he cannot instil his Methodist-inspired Christianity into day-to-day policing. One

The policeman as crusader: James Anderton, defender of the faith, scourge of extremes right and left

senior colleague, asked to explain Anderton's basic approach to policing, reflected: "The boss is a great believer in the common sense of the public, but he is not a great believer in the common sense of politicians."

He abhors political extremism, whether it be of the left or the right, but it is the left that has been his *bête noir* since he moved into his office on the eleventh floor of the Greater Manchester police headquarters.

He has warned of "the enemies in our midst", and spoken of himself and other chief constables as the saviours of society if it all goes wrong and the police were to be the last line of defence in preventing a complete breakdown of law and order. All this has earned him the wrath of left-wing politicians, both locally and nationally.

He has been referred to in the House of Lords as "that unspeakable Chief Constable" and, also in the Commons, been accused of regarding himself above the law and being "prepared to say outrageous things to make himself attractive to a television audience."

He is said to be hurt by criticism, yet he lay himself open to it. The views he readily and regularly offers up on television supply ammunition for those gunning for him. In an interview with the playwright John Mortimer, for instance, he explained his steadfast belief in reinstatement. Asked who he may have been in a previous life, he replied: "Oliver Cromwell." Interviewed by Terry Waite, he said that he believed he was Chief Constable because it was God's will.

The clashes with his Labour-controlled police authority have been numerous and bitter; in the "word of a colleague he became 'obsessive' about his battles with one former chairman, Mrs Gabrielle Cox. Even in public he made little attempt to disguise his animosity. One official with the Manchester city council police monitoring unit says: "The trouble is that Anderton regards even the most mild criticism as evidence of some plot to usurp his authority. He cannot brook anyone disagreeing with him. He takes the attitude that he knows what is best for the public."

Although not renowned for cracking jokes, he can be witty in conversation and has a habit of noting down anecdotes and funny stories in a little silver-edged black pocket book for later use in his

PHILOSOPHY	BIOGRAPHY
<p>ANDERTON ON VIOLENCE: Wretched offenders who take the fullest advantage of every meek response to their abominable conduct, should be arrested, convicted and placed in penal work camps where, through hard labour and unrelenting discipline, they should be made to sweat as they have never sweated before and remain until their violence has been vanquished by penitent humiliation.</p> <p>ON DO-GOODERS: There are too many dabblers, meddlers and day-dreamers and not enough decision makers and law enforcers.</p> <p>ON LAWYERS: I suspect that some lawyers belong to a society for the prevention of the conviction of the guilty.</p> <p>ON DEMOCRACY: It will inevitably come to pass in all states clinging on to democracy that the survival of their ideals will increasingly depend upon the ability of the police alone to hold the rise in terrorism, serious crime and public disorder against which an uncompromising deterrent will be needed.</p>	<p>1932: Born Wigan, May 24. Education: St Matthew's Church School, Wigan Grammar School, certificate of criminology, Manchester University.</p> <p>1950: Served with the Corps of Royal Military Police</p> <p>1953: Joined Manchester City Police, rising to Chief Inspector</p> <p>1955: Married Joan Baron</p> <p>1967: Appointed Chief Superintendent, Cheshire</p> <p>1968: Becomes Assistant Chief Constable, Leicester and Rutland Constabulary</p> <p>1972: Appointed to the Home Office in London as assistant to HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary for England and Wales</p> <p>1975: Becomes Deputy Chief Constable, Leicester Constabulary; later Deputy Chief Constable, Greater Manchester Police</p> <p>1976: Appointed Chief Constable, Greater Manchester Police</p> <p>1977: Awarded Queen's Police Medal</p> <p>1982: Awarded CBE</p>

many speeches. He is a member of patron of some 30 organizations, among them the British College of Accordionists, of which he is president, although he cannot play the instrument. He enjoys singing, Glenfiddich with Perrier, fell walking, gardening and tinkering around on jobs at home. He and his wife, Joan, who have one daughter, own a cottage retreat in the Lake District where he dresses in jeans and a sweater and will happily indulge in do-it-yourself.

However, the image of Anderton singing along in his rich baritone to a favourite Pavarotti track while tacking up a few shelves in his cottage is not one that sits easily with the left's portrayal of him as a fire-breathing, Bible-thumping authoritarian and a threat to civil liberty.

He is a man of humble beginnings, born in May 1932 in a two-up, two-down cottage in Wigan, with stone-flagged floors and an outside lavatory shared by neighbouring families.

His father was a miner, his mother worked in the local factory. Politics were staunchly Labour, religion was a mixture of Methodism and Church of England. He is intensely proud of his background and was for many years a Methodist lay preacher, although there is now a persistent rumour that suggests he is on the brink of a conversion to Catholicism.

Anderton won a scholarship, to the local grammar school, toyed with the idea of entering the

ministry, but eventually joined the Military Police. After his Army service, aged 21, he joined the old City of Manchester police force as Constable DB2. By the age of 25 he was a Chief Inspector and then, remarkably, jumped straight to the rank of Chief Superintendent in the neighbouring Cheshire force. By 1975 he was Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester and the following year was appointed Chief Constable, at the age of 44 the youngest in the country.

He cracked down on pornography, argued with local politicians on the crucial issue of accountability, clashed with national figures whom he accused of failing to provide what they had promised to sustain the police, and demanded tougher sentences. He earned the respect of the 7,000 officers under his command by his high-profile leadership in confrontations with the National Front and then with rioters in Moss Side in the steamy, troublesome summer of 1981.

It is acknowledged that the Met job will not now come his way and that, after his year as president of the ACPO and a further year as past president, he may well retire and write his memoirs. Before that, however, the coming year will not be a comfortable one for those who find themselves in Anderton's sights, and in the run-up to a general election he is bound to provide fuel for the law-and-order debate, both for his supporters and his detractors.

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The latest production by Goldcrest Films, *The Mission*, an award-winning and controversial Latin-American historical epic, goes on international release this autumn.

But for producer David Putnam and director Roland Joffé its most important world premieres will not be held in London or New York, but before a tribe of backward Indians in the dense Colombian jungles of Burujón, Pángala, Togoramá, and Papayo.

The Mission proved a rather polemic choice as winner of the prestigious Golden Palm award at this year's Cannes film festival where it previewed to a mixture of critical acclaim, hostility and yawns.

Goldcrest, however, remains far more concerned about how it will play in Burujón, Pángala, Togoramá and Papayo, before audiences totalling little more than 2,000 which, nevertheless, will make it an instant all-time local box office hit. The motion picture, like so many other manifestations of 20th century life, has never before penetrated their blissful isolation.

Based on the real events of a clash between Spanish and Portuguese colonialists on one side and Jesuit missionaries determined to save the indigenous population from brutal exploitation on the other.

At the start of three months' filming on location in April last year, Putnam, who is moving to the United States,

Mission almost impossible

How a British film company turned a tribe of 350 South American natives into stars. Geoffrey Matthews reports



Actor Jeremy Irons: his co-stars faced a culture shock

That message, the latest of a series sent by Goldcrest to the tribe, reflects the bond of brotherhood which developed between the mainly British cast and crew and the Indians, who proved natural actors.

"Often they were perfect in the first take", marvelled Putnam. "I cannot find the words to express my admiration for their sense of responsibility and dedication."

The Guananas were transported lights years in time

wryly described it as the Clint Eastwoodian version of *Becket*.

After the film's success at Cannes, Joffé sent a message to the Guananas which was read at tribal meetings, telling them: "When we decided to work together on this film you asked if many people in the world would see how beautiful the Guanana community is. Well, the answer is yes.

"Far away, on the other side of the ocean, in France, people have just seen the film and are full of admiration for you... a year has passed since we saw each other, but I think of you every day. I will return soon to show you the film in the hope that you will like it."

tensely affectionate and good-humoured community.

Most of the Indians who worked for Goldcrest had never set foot outside El Choco, let alone experienced air travel. But they were whisked the 400 miles to Cartagena by plane and there faced a continuous culture shock — a sprawling if lovely city of 600,000 people, motor traffic, skyscraper hotels, telephones, television and other bewildering elements of "civilized" life, not to mention two baffling foreign languages: Spanish in the city, English on the film set.

They seemed to adjust without ill effects due in great part to Goldcrest's efforts to make the move as painless as possible. While cast and crew stayed at the local Hilton, Goldcrest built a village of huts in a jungle clearing on the outskirts of Cartagena to make the Indians feel at home.

There was a problem at first — the camp was infested with rats which were continuously raiding the food supplies. Angry and frustrated, Putnam decided that fumigation was the only solution.

(Alarmed, the Guananas counselled against such drastic action. "I shall talk to the rats", announced their witchdoctor who then went off to perform some secret ritual. It worked. The rats never again touched the food supplies, although they continued to maintain a high profile around the camp.)

Putnam was so impressed that he ventured to inquire whether the witchdoctor could possibly have a word with the mosquitoes too, since they were giving the Brits sheer hell. "Talk to the mosquitoes? Do you think me mad?" retorted the witchdoctor.

The Guananas received \$80,000 (about £33,000) for their work in the film. De Niro was reportedly paid \$2m (£1.3m). The Indians will benefit also from a small percentage of the film's profits which could be considerable if, as seems likely, it proves a big commercial success.

And Goldcrest has made an initial contribution of \$250,000 (£166,000) to a fund to buy agricultural equipment and to finance health and educational programmes for the tribe because, says Putnam, "having worked together we now feel a certain responsibility for their fate."

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A familial rave from the Graves

So soon after the death of Robert Graves, it is difficult properly to take his measure. Was he primarily an historical novelist with some literary Moonstruck notions about magic and matrarchy, or was he a lyric poet who will stand with Catullus and Hardy? And how did this son of Charterhouse and Oxford (even though he came close to despising both institutions) end up as the household god of Majorca: a modern Claudius who preferred the laurel wreath to any more imperial insignia?

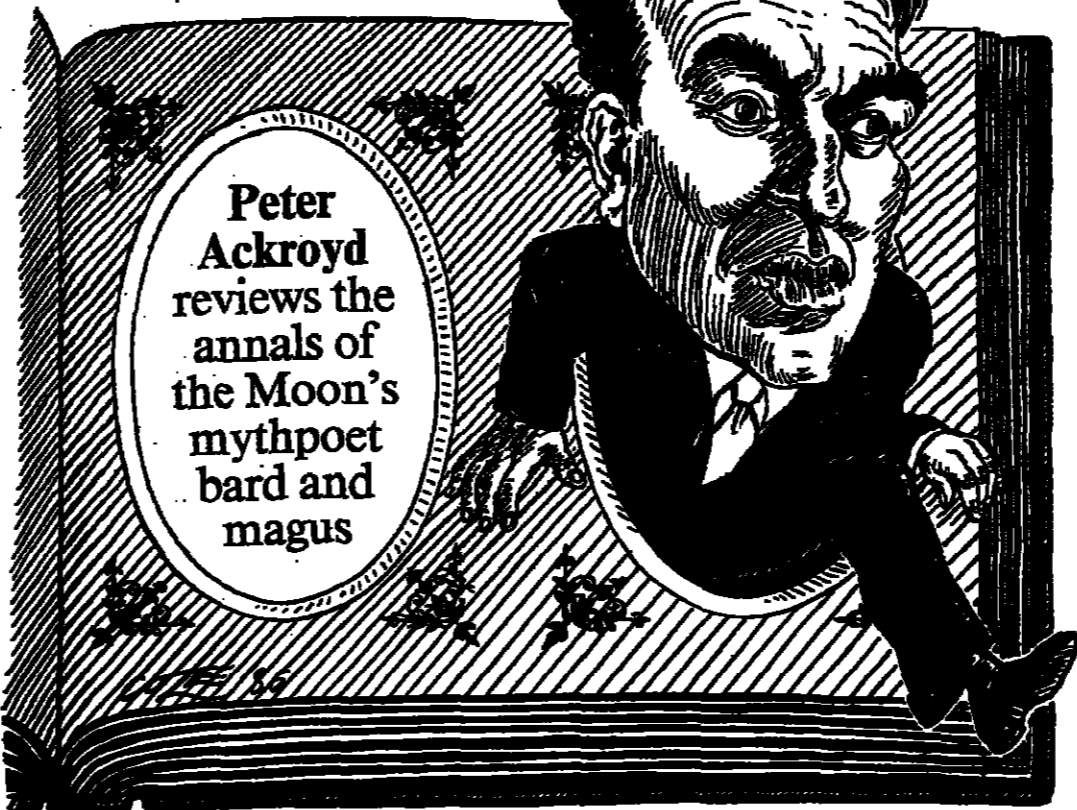
ROBERT GRAVES The Assault Heroic 1895-1926 By Richard Perceval Graves Beldenfeld & Nicolson. £14.95

Richard Perceval Graves has embarked upon his own course of exploration in what looks like being the first of several volumes of biography; he is the poet's nephew, calls him "Robert" throughout, and inclines towards a familial view of his subject. There are of course some reasons for doing so: Robert Graves's mother was German and his father Irish, and in that potent combination we may trace the outline of his own strange amalgam of discipline and dreaminess, formality and mysticism. The fact that his father was also a minor poet helps to fuel such genetic speculations, and one cannot help but see in Graves what his biographer finds in the rest of his family - determination and nervous susceptibility.

supplemented this somewhat fanciful exercise in historical reconstruction with family papers and attendant memories. So we learn more here about his often strained relationship with his parents and siblings, for example, just as we discover more detail about his impulsive marriage to Nancy Nicholson. This first volume takes him from his schooldays through his terrible adult baptism in the trenches of France, and then on to Oxford University; by the time he was thirty he had written several volumes of poetry and a sprinkling of prose, all of which received what are known as "mixed reviews". There were times when he was close to despair; and the book closes as Graves and his family travel to Egypt where he was appointed a Professor of Poetry. "A new start", as they say, and no doubt the succeeding volumes of Richard Perceval Graves's biography will explain its extraordinary consequences.

These are certainly the twin poles of Robert Graves's early life. The Scylla and Charybids that came close to wrecking him altogether. Goodbye to All That, his own autobiography, documented in some detail both the horrors of Charterhouse and the horrors of the First World War - on balance, Graves seems to have preferred the war - but his biographer here has

But already it has seemed like a very long life; and this particular volume takes some 328 pages to complete a period of Robert Graves's history which, in Martin Seymour-Smith's own recent biographical account, needed only 130. It is easy to see why Graves's nephew has included so much material - he happens to have it at his disposal, and the fact that most



Peter Ackroyd reviews the annals of the Moon's mythpoet bard and magus

of it was unpublished proved too great a temptation to resist. But the recital of family memories does not necessarily make for interesting reading: the rest of the Graves household is really only of vital interest to the Graves household itself, and there are times when this biography recalls the worst moments of the photograph album brought out at tea-time. Enough is enough: we really do not want to know what little Robert's brothers and sisters were

doing in the "long summer holidays of 1910". There is no point in having unpublished source material unless you know how to handle it properly; and, in this first volume at least, Richard Perceval Graves has been led astray by family piety. Despite one or two of this biographer's barbs in the general direction of Martin Seymour-Smith, the earlier writer is (up to this point in Robert Graves's career) the more interesting and the more substantial. The real problem

is that this latest biographer takes no definite attitude to his subject other than that of familial respect, and so he meanders through minutiae; the book is interesting when the recounted events are interesting, that is all. Another odd aspect lies in the fact that, although it is written in as close a filial spirit as a nephew can get, the picture of Graves that emerges from it is a distinctly unlikable one - he seems here to be irritable, priggish, insensitive,

on occasions a sanctimonious bully, and almost always possessed by a deep, unshakable egotism. Of course his experiences in the war haunted and unnerved him for many years afterwards; and lack of success in the early years of any writer's career are not calculated to improve the temper; but the fact remains that on the evidence of this account a profound and subtle lyric gift seems to have dwelt within a disagreeable and flawed personality. Perhaps this will come as a surprise only to certain literary academics who, trying desperately to lend respectability to their crumbling profession, ascribe some "moral" value to great poetry. It has none at all.

These are not matters with which this biographer chooses to deal in this first volume, however; and in any case his concentration upon the familial aspects of Graves's life effectively disarms him from understanding the true springs of his creativity. This is a pity, since Graves's proper significance has yet to be ascertained; clearly he was part of the anti-modernist tradition (in other words, he was not an American), and his work can be seen to bear allegiance to that of Hardy and Yeats, and even that of Dowson or Johnson. In this early volume there might have been room for such an account, since Graves's poetic predilections must at least in part be established upon his juvenile reading and education. But these are early days yet; there are other volumes to come and when Richard Perceval Graves has been able to free himself from the tyranny of family loyalty he may be able to see Graves whole.

Nagging at the memory

POETRY

Robert Nye

Peter Scupham's *Out Late* (Oxford, £4.95) is the sixth collection of verse by a poet who deliberately does without fireworks. No verbal or stylistic pyrotechnics here, but good solid craftsmanship, an honest look at the complexity of human relationships, and one or two poems that nag at the memory - less because of good lines that stand out, as on account of the absence of lines that stand out, all being delivered to the reader in the same level tone of uncompromising seriousness. I'm not so very keen on the sequence on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which pads out a monotony of scene or time obtrudes - it is usually late afternoon in Scupham's world, or last thing at night, and he'll be sounding tired after a hard day's work - but there is at least one poem here, "A Borderland", which is better than anything he has ever published before:

Thick-set beyond Tom Tiddler's Ground, the wood is run by dogs - there it might start to snow, Old Shaky-fingers pass his poisoned sweet: The place where mother said you never should, its otherness might sweep them off their feet: The wood itself has nowhere else to go.

Scupham is genuinely seeking to write the kind of verse that will cast light on something dark in human nature. The attempt is honourable.

So are the attempts made in a slim and ill-rendered volume by Sebastian Barker entitled *Room* (Free Man's Press, £2.50). Barker has perfected at least two manners - one, as in the title poem, a style of high-minded rant which sounds like Christopher Smart brought up to date, and the other (more difficult and interesting, I think) where he seeks to express the same extremes of love and hate within such tight structures as the sonnet. Barker is a hit-or-miss artist, and there is hardly a poem in the book which is not flawed or blurred by some excess. Yet I believe his failures are worth more than the successes of his timid contemporaries, who would certainly never dare to make the exhibition of themselves that in his case he just occasionally makes into art.

George MacBeth's *The Cleaver Garden* (Secker & Warburg, £6.95) is a long and intricate meditation on blood and pain and death, moving in space from a meat market to the ritual of blood sports, but in time staying constant to a sort of Nineteenth-Century romanticism.

Light on a great Master

John Russell Taylor THE DRAFTSMAN RAPHAEL By Francis Ames-Lewis Yale. £25

Raphael must be the least reckoned of all the great masters in this country - largely, no doubt, because the Pre-Raphaelites and Ruskin have planted ineradicably in our minds the notion that being Post-Raphaelite, let alone Raphael himself, is not only aesthetically suspect, but somehow morally reprehensible as well.

We paid relatively little attention to the five-hundredth anniversary of his birth in 1883, when most of the Continent was ablaze with major exhibitions. And that is not even because we are poorly equipped with examples in our own public collections; there are not only the drawings from various sources then highlighted at the British Museum, but also, for a start, the splendours of the Royal Collection Cartoons now housed at the Victoria and Albert. Still, it does seem in the main that Raphael is just not quite one of "our" artists - not, certainly, in the way that Leonardo and Michelangelo are.

The quincentenary and its attendant activities have, indirectly, been responsible for Francis Ames-Lewis's new book, which is also a more minutely focused sequel to his *Drawing in Early Renaissance Italy*. That book, published in 1981, ends with a brief and not

altogether enthusiastic mention of Raphael's drawings in its epilogue. "The Quattrocento to Legacy": on the whole one gets the impression that Ames-Lewis much prefers Leonardo. But, as he observes in the preface to the new volume, all the activity of 1983 spawned so much new consideration and reconsideration of Raphael's drawings that in consequence we have all had to modify our ideas in the light of altered perceptions.

The main thing which has become much clearer is the importance of Raphael's very studied, deliberate way of using his preparatory

drawings to experiment with composition, and with the poses that would most precisely convey what he wanted each component part of the composition to convey. It has long been understood that the drawings go in series, in which Raphael's ideas on what form the finished picture should take gradually evolve and are modified, sometimes radically, sometimes only in tiny details, until he is entirely satisfied that he knows what he means to do. It has not, perhaps, been so fully understood before the researches of the last five years or so that everything in the drawings contributed to this process - even to the choice of medium for the drawings.

Ames-Lewis takes us in fascinating detail through the evolution of such important Raphael works as the *Baglioni Entombment*, the *Madonna del Baldacchino* and the *Stanza della Segnatura* frescoes, as well as the painted cartoons we know so well for the Sistine Chapel Tapestries. It is illuminating to observe how sometimes Raphael will change the whole iconographical significance of a composition in mid-stream, and even more so to see how exact Raphael's ideas must have been about his commissions right from the beginning. The *Madonna del Baldacchino* is a good case in point as it was intended all along for a dimly lit side-chapel. Raphael was specially concerned to achieve clarity and the right sort of tonal balance for the situation, and hence made brush-strokes and silverpoint studies in detail, whereas for the *Baglioni Entombment* he had made bold pen-and-ink drawings as most suited to a dynamic relief group. Possibly it is this evident place for ratiocination in his work that has tended to turn the incurably Romantic English against him. But on this showing it certainly got results.

A slap bang farce nipped in the bud

Castigating Cyril Connolly for his critical habit of examining passages in isolation like a wine-taster, Evelyn Waugh pointed out that "a sentence which he admires may owe its significance to another fifty pages hence." The trouble with Howard Jacobson's third novel is that practically the whole of it - including the title - hangs by a thread to a sentence near the end, when the narrator, his lips well stained with South Australian claret, is bitten on his mandible by a spider in an outside lavatory. So much of Jacobson's vehement, scatalogical wit goes into alerting us to this impending nip, that when it comes one greets the spider with an unrestrained cheer. The hairy little creature is merely responding, and not before time, to the author's worst excesses.

"The spider", laments Leon Forelock, burdened like many of *Redback's* characters with a "meaningfully silly name, 'ruined for me all affairs of the heart'." But Jacobson, who is more in the tradition of Lodge and Sharpe, is not concerned with the danger of following Sharpe slap bang into a comic cul-de-sac. That extremely fine South African writer, J.M. Coetzee, has also written his most disappointing fiction to date. *Foe* is the short tale, told in a somewhat masculine voice, by

Susan Barton - a castaway who is washed up on an island inhabited by Robinson Crusoe and his voiceless slave, Friday. These two are shadowy figures. Crusoe smells of fish and sheep's wool, and spends his time building terraces. Friday, whose tongue has been cut out, is morosely silent but for the occasional hum.

Once rescued, Crusoe dies en route for London; but, taking Friday under her wing, Susan is determined to have their story told. To this end she approaches the renowned writer Mr Foe, who promptly bowdlerizes it.

Foe is a novel of silences - the silence of a woman who cannot write the truth, and the silence of a man who cannot speak it. As ever, Coetzee's prose is that of a true craftsman, detached and granite grey, and chipping away to reveal a cold polished work. What prevents it from stirring in the sense he is working out some private riddle between himself and the Crusoe myth. Wrenching this familiar tale into an allegory pertinent to Southern Africa has the same effect on the reader as listening to Friday's mute hum. Where Coetzee fails to be bleak and chilling, Dennis Potter succeeds gruesomely. *Ticket to Ride* is a masterful plunge into the remote, dark crevices of the mind. On a train to London, an advertis-

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The almost superfluous plot turns on the homecoming of their only famous friend, a golden-tongued "professional Welshman" who made good in the English media; with him comes his wife, the once-lovely Rhiannon. Their return to the group stirs up old memories, old scandals, old loves; more than ever, disappointed husbands flinch under the justified taunts of their equally disappointed wives. Flickers of forgotten longings disturb the old devils - in competition with flickers of anxiety about loose teeth, twinges in the entrails, and whose turn it is to stand the next round.

Peter, bullied by a genteel English wife, is the most grotesque old devil of the bunch. There is a virtuoso passage about his getting-up procedures, no longer something you hurried heedlessly through before you did anything of interest; but a major event of the day. Stiff-jointed, grossly overweight, grunting and sweating, he grapples with first sock, second sock, and so on. Only to be foiled at the breakfast-table by the intran-

NOVEL of the week

Victoria Glendinning THE OLD DEVILS By Kingsley Amis Hutchinson. £9.95

signance of semi-detached grapefruit segments. After this marathon, there's nothing to do till opening-time. Once they had laughed at someone's old dad, "the way he used to mark up the wireless programmes in the *Radio Times* with different-coloured pencils." He never listened to the radio, "but it was an hour taken care of." Now, they understand. But after the first few whickers of the day they are up to some quite energetic complaining about modern youth, women, Wales (for its pretensions Welshness), Wales (for its hideous philistinism), and Wales again (for absolutely everything). Yet "Wales is a subject that can't be talked about. Unless you're making a collection of dishonesty and self-deception and sentimental bullshit."

No *Under Milk Wood* "bullshit" here. But once they were young and romantic - and somewhere - in his clapped-out carcass Peter still adores Rhiannon - and maybe Wales too. The roaring crudeness of the graveyard humour is what gives *The Old Devils* its vitality; but the backhanded acknowledgement of love and aspiration redeems it from brutality, and makes it a good book. It is not, however, however, a suitable gift for the frail and the fastidious.

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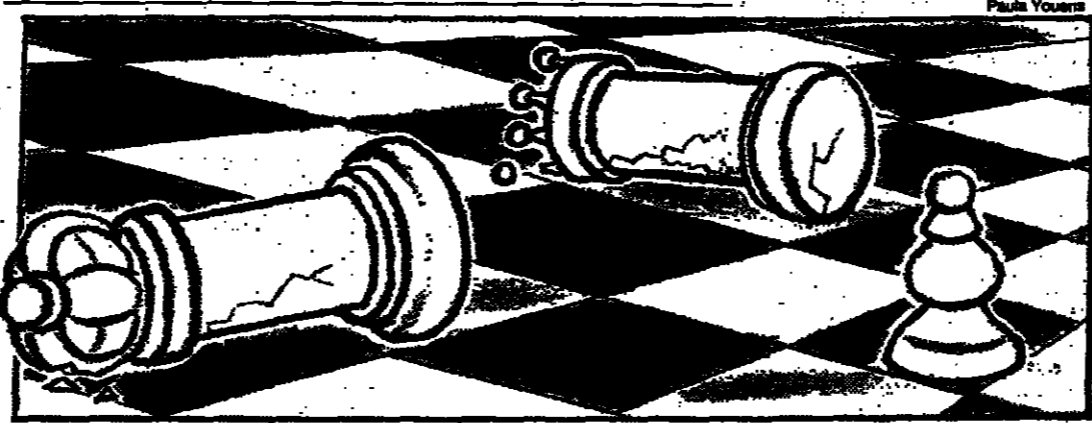
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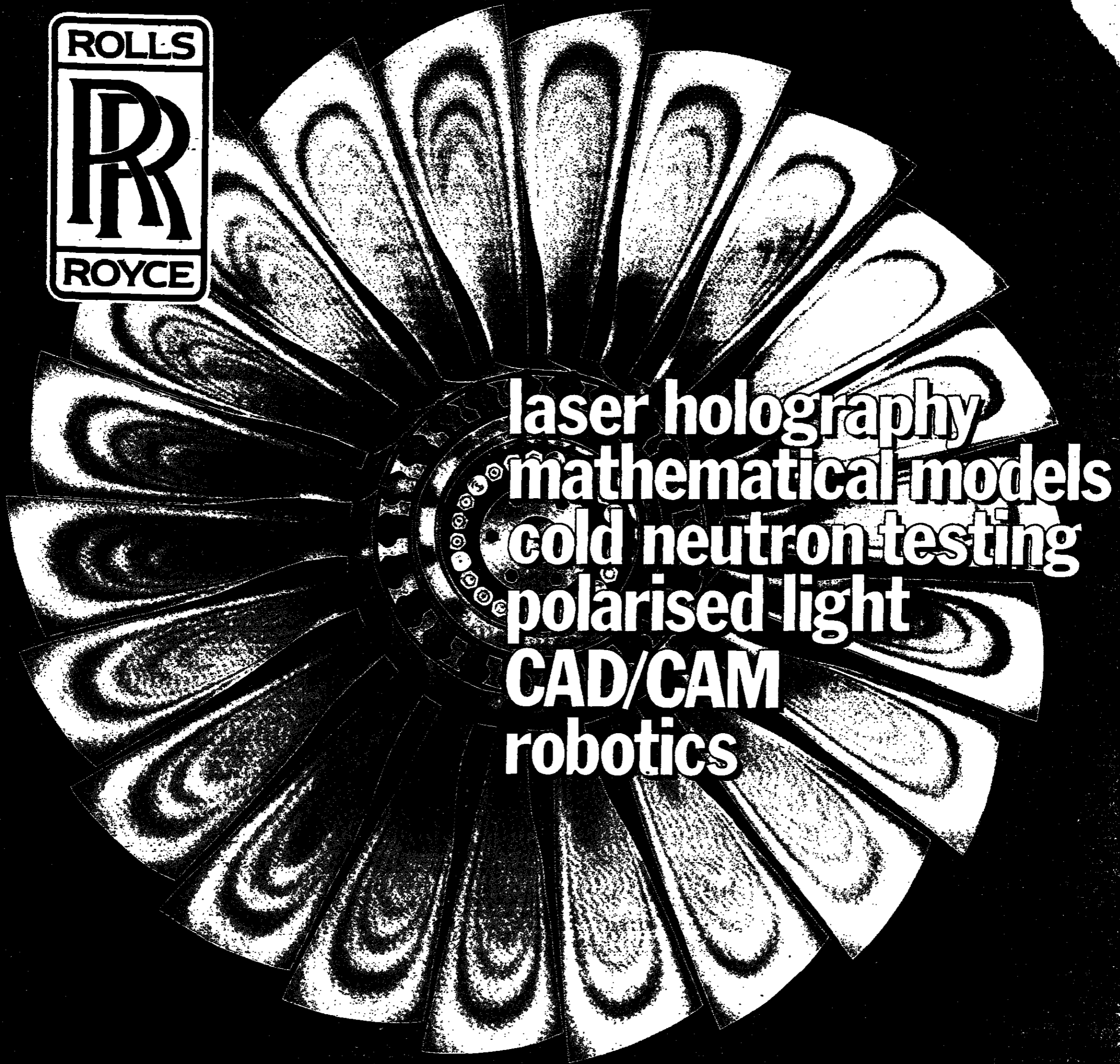
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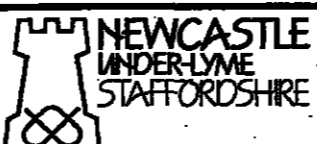
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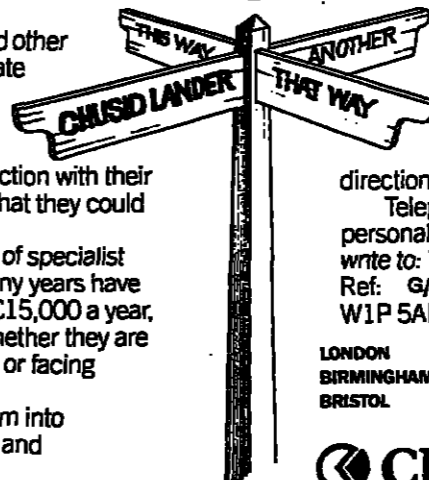
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